

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- [Currently Amended] The use of a composition of matter comprising the substantially immunoglobulin free, peptide containing portion of the blood of a mammal which passes through a dialysis membrane having a molecular weight cutoff of no greater than 60,000 daltons to stimulate the disease fighting systems of a non-mammalian vertebrate comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of such composition to the non-mammalian vertebrate.
- [Original] The use of the composition of matter of claim 1 wherein the membrane has a molecular weight cut-off of no greater than 25,000 daltons.
- 3. [Original] The use of the composition of matter of claim 1 wherein the membrane has a molecular weight cut-off of no greater than 8,000 daltons.
- 4. [Original] The use of the composition of matter of claim 1 wherein the nonmammalian vertebrate is a reptile, fish, bird or amphibian.

- [Reintroduced] The use of the composition of matter of claim 1 wherein the nonmammalian vertebrate is a fish.
- 6. [Original] The use of the composition of claim 1 wherein the non-mammalian vertebrate is a bird.
- 7. [Original] The use of the composition of claim 1 wherein the bird is a chicken or turkey.
- 8. [Original] The use of the composition of matter of claim 1 to stimulate the disease fighting systems of a bird against a challenge by Pasteurella multocida or Salmonella.

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